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Just after 7pm on November 7, 2017, a West Valley City Police Officer, who was off duty, went to check his mail at a communal mailbox located at 1250 West 3301 South. As the officer walked back home, he was confronted by two suspects armed with a handgun in what appears to be an attempted aggravated robbery in which the officer feared for his own life. During the course of this robbery multiple rounds were fired both at the officer and by the officer. The officer was shot once. Both suspects were shot and fled the scene.

At approximately 7:25pm, the officer contacted police dispatch by radio and informed them that he had been shot. Shortly after this call, the two teenage suspects in the case arrived at a local hospital in a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle seen fleeing the scene where the officer was shot. A 17-year-old male had sustained a single gunshot wound. A 15-year-old male sustained two gunshot wounds.

The off-duty officer was not in uniform and there is no information to indicate that the suspects knew that their intended victim was a police officer.

The officer, who was shot once, was released from the hospital and is now recovering. As is standard protocol, the officer has been placed on paid administrative leave while the investigation into this incident is underway. The officer involved has been with the West Valley City Police Department for three years and is assigned to Patrol.

The 17-year-old suspect was released from the hospital and booked into juvenile detention by Unified Police Department's Protocol investigators. The 15-year-old is still receiving medical treatment. He will be booked upon his release. The criminal case involving the suspects, along with the officer's use of deadly force, will be presented to the District Attorney's Office in the near future.

This incident is under investigation by the Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) Team led by Unified Police Department. The OICI protocol was developed through the agreement of Salt Lake Valley police agencies and the office of Salt Lake County District Attorney and is designed to ensure that every investigation of an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) is conducted professionally, thoroughly and impartially. All information regarding this incident will be released by the West Valley City Police Department in coordination and cooperation with the Unified Police Department.

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